

UPUPA ERYTHRORYNCHOS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum arcuatum, convexum, subcompressum,
obtusiusculum.

Lingua obtusa, integerrima, triquetra, brevissima.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 183.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

UPUPA nigro-violacea, viridi nitens, reatricibus
versus apices macula utrinque alba, rostro
rubro.

Cimelia Physica. p. 96. t. 52.

UPUPA viridi-atra, purpureo splendens, &c.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 280.

Africæ incola esse creditur magnifica hæc avis,
quam primum descripsisse opinor Lathamum. Pu-
tatur etiam interdum in India generari. Iconem
pulcherrimam mutuati sumus a tabulis miscellaneis
quas perleganter edidit Dominus Millerus.



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THE
RED-BILLED HOOPOE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill bowed, convex, somewhat compressed, rather obtuse.

Tongue obtuse, perfectly entire, triquetrous, very short.

Feet formed for walking.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Violet-black HOOPOE, with a gloss of green; the tail-feathers marked on each side towards the tips with a spot of white; the bill red.

Red-billed Promerops.

Lath. Synops. Suppl. 1. p. 124.

Millar. Illustr. nat. hist. pl. 52.

This magnificent bird, which seems to have been first described by Mr. Latham, is supposed to be a native of Africa; but it is also said to be found in India. The figure here given is copied from the beautiful representation published by Mr. Millar in his splendid plates of natural history.